

HEART OF MISSOURI MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER

The Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners is a fun, vibrant group that brings together gardeners of all levels by providing engaging educational opportunities and meaningful volunteer projects that enhance and sustain our communities.

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Summer Fun! Gardening with Kids

By Laura Redfield-Jacobs

Thanks to the generosity of the Heart of Missouri Master Gardeners, we raised about \$118 for the **Lee Expressive Arts School library**. Thanks to all who purchased items at the mini-sale before the March meeting. The librarian was able to purchase eight gardening books for the library. If you have a youngster in your life that has a birthday coming up, you might consider some of these highly-rated youth gardening books:

- ❖ **The Dirt on Dirt** by Paulette Bourgeois. Illustrations, photographs and text describe where dirt comes from and its importance to nature; includes instructions for creating a fossil footprint and growing a garden playhouse.
- ❖ **Green Thumbs: A Kid's Activity Guide to Indoor and Outdoor Gardening** by Laurie M. Carlson. More than 80 indoor and outdoor garden projects for children, including creating an herb garden, growing potatoes, and making scarecrows, garlic braids and candied flowers.
- ❖ **Living With Herbs: A Treasury of Useful Plants for the Home and Garden** by Jo Ann Gardner. A guide to growing and using herbs; provides information on planting, care, harvesting, and landscaping, and ways to use herbs in the home.
- ❖ **Planting the Seed: A Guide to Gardening** by Suzanne Winckler. Teaches kids about the purposes, tools, science and basic steps of gardening, and provides several recipes and lists of resources.
- ❖ **Discover Nature in the Garden: Things to Know and Things to Do** by Jim Conrad. Looks at different aspects of the garden environment, investigating how plants are put together and how they work, observing the creatures that live in gardens and flower beds and discussing how nature's serious components interrelate.
- ❖ **Inch by Inch: The Garden Song** by David Mallett. Inch by inch, row by row, a child grows a garden with the help of the rain and the earth.
- ❖ **Over in the Garden** by Jennifer Ward. Mother insects and their children enjoy various activities in the garden from morning to evening.
- ❖ **Re-cycles** by Michael Elsohn Ross. Describes the cycle of soil decomposition and the water cycle. Explains how to develop a compost pile for recycling pea pods and other garden products into compost to feed a garden.

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A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.
~James Dent

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Gardener's Grub and Gab Potluck Dinner Wednesday, June 3rd, 6:00-8:00 pm

Bring a side dish or dessert to share and come hang out with your fellow master gardeners!

It will be at **Cindy Deegan's** house, **2000 Parkade Blvd.**, at the corner of Phyllis Ave and Parkade, in Columbia. Cindy will provide drinks, paper products and sloppy joes. RSVP via email or phone: 356-6496, cdeegs@hotmail.com.

From the west: exit I-70 at West Blvd, turn left to the traffic circle, leave it on Creasy Springs. Take the first right on Texas. After a dip/curve, pass Bettina, and take the next left onto Parkade (the street sign has been missing). Go 3 blocks. It's on the left, up a long driveway.

From the East: Exit I-70 at Providence, turn right, and go to the traffic signal at VanDiver/Leslie. Go left 2 blocks on Leslie to Garth, left one block to Phyllis, and left on Phyllis for 2 blocks. The house is next door to 417 Phyllis.

Parking is allowed on both sides of both Parkade and Phyllis, and in my drive if Betty Gayle has had a chance to park there first!

Report Master Gardener hours ONLINE!

This is SO COOL! Go check it out - it is quick and easy to enroll and get started. You pick your own ID and password - then you can enter your service hours, education hours, and advanced training hours.

<http://report.missourimastergardener.com/>

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Info
June 3	Gardener's Grub and Gab Potluck Dinner	NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!! OOPS!! When we originally picked June 4 th , we didn't realize it conflicted with an Advanced Training class—so be sure to update your busy social calendar and come on the right date! ☺ See info and directions on page 1.
June 4	<i>Preserving the Harvest:</i> Freezing and Drying Fruits and Vegetables	At the Boone County Extension Center. Two sessions to choose from: 9:30 am-Noon <u>or</u> 6:00-8:00 pm. For more info, contact Vera Massey at (573)442-9792 or masseyv@missouri.edu .
June 6	Rain Garden Workshop	The Columbia Boone County Rain Garden Program is holding a Rain Garden Workshop starting at 9:00 am on Saturday June 6 th at Jefferson Farm and Gardens. Visit their website at moriver.org/raingardens.html to register, or call 573-256-2602. The workshop is free, but pre-registration is required! The workshop will start with a 30-minute presentation on creating rain gardens as a tool for mitigating storm water runoff, and then will move outside to create a rain garden by planting and mulching in a new community garden site. Please dress accordingly.
June 10	<i>Preserving the Harvest:</i> Water Bath Canning	At the Boone County Extension Center. Two sessions to choose from: 9:30 am-Noon <u>or</u> 6:00-8:00 pm. For more info, contact Vera Massey at (573)442-9792 or masseyv@missouri.edu .
June 10	Rain Garden Workday	At Bethel Park from 8:00 am to noon. Learn about rain gardens while you help weed, plant & mulch, and get in some volunteer hours. Weeding, planting, cattail removal, mulching. For more info or to register go to http://www.moriver.org/raingardens.html
June 24	<i>Preserving the Harvest:</i> Pressure Canning Workshop	At the Boone County Extension Center. Two sessions to choose from: 9:30 am-Noon <u>or</u> 6:00-8:00 pm. For more info, contact Vera Massey at (573)442-9792 or masseyv@missouri.edu .
June 13	Make Your Own Compost Workshop	At Capen Park (off Rock Quarry Rd) 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Offered by the City of Columbia. Reservations: 573- 874-6271. (Counts as 1 hour of Advanced Training.)
June 13	Pots to Planks Recycling Event	At Superior Garden Center, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Drop off <u>clean</u> plastic pots and trays for recycling. For more info: www.superiorgardencenter.com .
June 13	Blooms and Benevolence Garden Tour	In Columbia from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 to tour six lovely gardens, proceeds benefit the Tiger Pilot Organization. Contact Rose Mayfield to volunteer or to buy tickets. Email: Mayflower812003@yahoo.com .
June 14	Heartland Harvest Garden public grand opening	Visit www.powellgardens.org for complete information about the grand opening festivities!
June 17	Rain Garden Workday	Location TBD. From 8:00 am to noon. Weeding, planting and mulching. For more info or to register go to http://www.moriver.org/raingardens.html
June 18	Native Plant/Quail Field Day	At Bradford Farms from 3:00 to 8:00 pm. This field day will consist of wagon tours that give participants an opportunity to see bobwhite quail management demonstrations and research in progress and to see how native plants can be used for conservation. Participants will also discover how native plants can be used for landscaping as well as to clean up water run off in rain gardens or provide seed and insects for birds. There will also be informational booths on native plants and quail management, and the public will have an opportunity to purchase native plants. Go to http://aes.missouri.edu/bradford/events/quail-and-native-plant-fieldday.php
June 24	Rain Garden Workday	Location TBD. From 8:00 am to noon. Weeding, planting and mulching. For more info or to register go to http://www.moriver.org/raingardens.html
June 25	MNLA Field Day	The Missouri Landscape and Nursery Association will be hosting the annual MLNA Field Day on Thursday, June 25 th from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm at Nathanael Greene / Close Memorial Park located at 2400 South Scenic in Springfield, MO. More info: http://www.grownative.org/about/events.asp

Committee	Chairperson / Contacts	The Latest Scoop!!
Advanced Training	Julie Fisher 445-3488 julie8401@tranquility.net	Just announced – Advanced Greenhouse class on Wednesday, July 1 st from 6 to 9 pm at the Cole County Extension Center. \$15/person. To register, email Jane Kempker (kempkerj@missouri.edu) or (573)634-2824.
Adopt-a-Spot	Carolyn Oates 443-3057 Carolyn.Oates@USOncology.com	
Educational Displays	Peggy Ann Eichen (660) 841-5253 eichenp@missouri.edu	
Extension Grounds	Open	
Farmer's Market Booth	Marie Pasley 474-5245 smpasley@aol.com	See the May meeting minutes for more info on volunteer opportunities!
Gardening with Youth	Lea Langdon 864-7647 langtrea@gmail.com	In April, Lea did a presentation about butterflies at the Park Ave. Preschool, and then the 3-5 year olds helped plant butterfly plants. Ongoing programs continue at The Intersection and New Haven Elementary. There may also be an opportunity to work with a Fun City youth garden this summer. If you are interested in summer care of our food or native gardens, either with or without kids, please contact Lea. Thank you to our volunteers, especially Alice Havard , who has volunteered consistently at The Intersection for years.
Habitat for Humanity	Phyllis Barks 698-3845 BarksP@missouri.edu Brenda Jones 884-6190 jonesbj@missouri.edu	Had 2 workdays (May 28 and 30) to help new home owners with plantings.
Hotline	Emily Bonwich 449-0444 ebonwich@mchsi.com	
Mentoring	Betty Gayle Smith 874-3997 turtleisland@tranquility.net	They've contacted 39 folks so far – keep up the good work!
Mizzou Botanic Gardens	Elizabeth Hoyos 874-9492 hoyosm@missouri.edu	Lots of exciting volunteer opportunities this year. See the May meeting minutes for more info.
Plant-a-Row for the Hungry	Evette Nissen 474-3055 Evette1357@msn.com	At last report, 53 pounds of produce has been donated to the food pantry this year. Great work, gardeners!! ☺
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Summer is the time when one sheds one's tensions with one's clothes, and the right kind of day is jeweled balm for the battered spirit. A few of those days and you can become drunk with the belief that all's right with the world.
~Ada Louise Huxtable

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Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - Noon and 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Next Meeting June 16th at 6:30 pm
At the Boone County Extension Center

Special Presentations By:

Peter Millier

Director of the Mizzou Botanic Garden
and

Chris Nejelski

Plants of Merit Coordinator for the
Missouri Botanical Garden

June Refreshments Provided By:

NOBODY SIGNED UP! You'd better hope your intrepid officers can figure something out so we don't all starve! ☺
PLEASE signup to bring refreshments for the remaining meetings this year!!

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